



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
REVISED BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Achterberg, DDS
Mark Koday, DDS
Pramod K. Sinha, DDS, Chair
Abdul Alkezweeny, PhD., Public Member
Robert Faine, DDS
Karen Homitz, DDS
Bernard Nelson, Public Member
Jessica Seapoff, DDS
Marshall Titus, DDS
Russell Timms, DDS
Andrew Vorono, DDS
Fred Quarnstrom, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Joy King, Executive Director
Allen Spaulding, Program Manager
Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager
Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Advisor
Geoff Hymans, Assistant Attorney General
Advisor
Jennifer Herbrand, Credentialing Manager
Tami Thompson, Rules Coordinator
Chris Swanson, Staff Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Hauck, MD, DDS
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Cindy Gideon, AAG, Attorney General's
Office
Joan Martin, Washington State Dental
Assistant's Association (WSDAA)/Dental
Assistant Educator
Bracken Killpack, Washington State Dental
Association (WSDA)
David Hemion, Assistant Executive Director
(WSDA)
David Horten, Washington State Dental
Association (WSDA)
Daniel Greenwald, Washington Association
of Nurse Anesthetist (WANA)
Mellissa Johnson, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)/
Willamette Dental
Jennifer Gauguisti, Willamette Dental
Terie Harris, Harris Biomedical
Dan Wells, Harris Biomedical
Ruth Gordon, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
Dexter Barnes, President, Washington State
Dental Association (WSDA)
Ona U Canfield, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)

5:30 p.m. – OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Pramod Sinha, DDS, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
 - 1.1 Audience members introduced themselves.
 - 1.2 The Agenda was approved with the addition of item 8.5, WREB article “Policy on Caries Remaining”, by request of Dr. Titus.
 - 1.3 September 13, 2007 Business Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
 - 1.4 September 14, 2007 Disciplinary Panel A, B, & C Minutes were approved as presented.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 Joy King introduced the new program manager, Allen Spaulding. Allen provided the Commission with a brief history of his background and experience.
- 2.2 Recognition of Dr. James Vento for his pro-tem service was postponed.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pramod Sinha presented Sandra Adix with a letter of appreciation and thanked her for her advice and support of the Commission. Dr. Sinha welcomed the newly assigned AAG advisor, Geoff Hymans.

3. PRESENTATION

Tami Thompson, HPQA Rules Coordinator provided an overview on the department’s progress for developing mandatory reporting rules (reference SHB 2974, 2006). Ms. Thompson asked commission members to provide comments by November 30, 2007.

4. RULE MAKING – Status of Ongoing Rulemaking Projects

- 4.1 Language of proposed Anesthesia Regulations were reviewed, discussed, and approved with changes.
- 4.2 Licensure related rule language was reviewed and approved as presented.
- 4.3 Substitute House Bill 1689, dental resident license to full dental license. Language was approved as presented.
- 4.4 Substitute House Bill 1099 – Regulation of Dental Assistants and licensure for Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries. The commission reviewed, edited, and approved the proposed draft language. Audience member Joan Martin, (WSDAA) provided the commission with information on CODA Dental Assistant and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary programs and an update on proposed curriculum development.

5. TEETH WHITENING

Deferred until December meeting – when and where it’s appropriate, who can provide

Services, percentage of whitening agents, advertising, and new techniques that are being marketed at county fairs, malls, and other unrestricted venues.

6. DIGITAL RECORDS FOR REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

Discussion: Dr. Sinha introduced the concept of establishing rules, guidelines or standards for requiring digital records in a specified format and/or diagnostic quality when required for investigative purposes. Allen Spaulding proposed conducting research, drafting rules and guidelines for the commission's approval.

The commission agreed with the concept and asked Mr. Spaulding to work with Drs. Sinha, Quarnstrom, and Timms to develop recommendations or draft rule language for consideration at a future meeting.

7. PROGRAM REPORT

- 7.1 Mr. Spaulding explained that due to technical system errors, the Interim Operating Budget Reports was not accurate. He will contact budget staff to determine whether accurate data will be available for the December meeting.
- 7.2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of Washington regarding remediation/skills assessments - The MOU has been signed by UW but the departments' contracts office is still reviewing for final approval.
- 7.3 Taylor Stair suggested developing a pre-approved course list to use for compliance purposes. The commission felt identifying appropriate courses are the licensee's responsibility. As an alternative, a proposal was made to add approved course listings or links to the DOH website.
- 7.4 Jennifer Herbrand, Credentialing Manager for Section 3, provided an overview of the process for applicants that answer "No" to personal data questions, but then have a report from the national practitioner databank (NPDB). The commission asked department staff to write applicant and request an explanation when a positive background report is generated. The assigned reviewing commission member will review applications that fall in this category, only after the applicant's response has been included.
- 7.5 Joy King presented the 2007 Board Commission Committee Survey results and thanked the commission for taking the time to complete and provide feedback.
- 7.6 Allen Spaulding asked the commission to approve an updated delegation of signature authority. The delegation document authorizes staff to conduct specific administrative functions for the commission. The commission approved the revisions and the chair signed off on the document.
- 7.7 Jennifer Bressi presented final draft rule language for Dental Hygiene Off-Site Supervision (SHB 1298). The Commission approved the language and authorized moving the proposed language into the formal rule making process (CR 102).
- 7.8 Joy King explained the Intraoral Massage rule making activities associated with Substitute House Bill 1397, Kris Waidely, program manager for Massage Therapists is drafting rule language and copies of the proposed rule or bill will be provided upon request.
- 7.9 Allen Spaulding shared a Department of Social and Health Services special notice concerning a new federal requirement for tamper resistant prescription pads.

8. ASSOCIATION / BOARDS / OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- 8.1 Joy King reported on the current focus of The American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA). The conference topics relevant to Washington's current issues included anesthesia, complaint trends, and new dental schools. Joy offered this was a valuable opportunity for staff to connect with and relate to current dental issues on a national level.
- 8.2 American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) was reviewed by Dr. Marshall Titus.
- 8.3 Allen Spaulding shared a letter from the Commission on Dental Accreditation, (CODA), regarding the April 29, 2008 site visit of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic/Northwest Dental Residency Advanced Education in General Dentistry requesting two commission member names if the Commission would like to participate in the site visit. Drs. Sinha and Homitz (sp?) will check their calendars.
- 8.4 In a letter dated Oct 26, 2007, American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) invited Dr. Mark Koday to attend the AADE mid-year meeting, March 9-10, 2008, Chicago, IL. The Commission approved Dr. Kodays' attendance.
- 8.5 Dr. Titus shared a recent memo from WREB explaining their current policy and definitions on Caries Remaining.

9. OTHER REPORTS

- 9.1 Dr. Mark Koday reported on the Board/Commission/Committee Leadership Conference in Sept 2007, recent disciplinary workload study results will not be ready until March.
- 9.2 Dr. Abdul Alkezweeny and Bernard Nelson provided brief reports on the Citizens Advocacy Center Conference, October 2007, the emphasis was on public safety. Dr. Alkezweeny suggested the commission may benefit from patient safety training offered by a CAC speaker, Mark Yessian. The commission asked staff to look into the possibility and logistics of having patient safety training at a future meeting.

10. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

- 10.1 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
Dr. Titus discussed changes concerning Examiner Assignments for 2008. Two new WREB participants from the commission include Dr. Faine and Dr. Quarnstrom. Dr. Timms agreed to submit a name for a potential WREB Examiner.
- 10.2 Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc (CRDTS) Dr. Timms, is currently the only CRDTS representative from Washington State.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 Letter dated September 18, 2007 Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) requesting information to support the expansion of the commission. DQAC staff offered to provide WSDA with justification as requested for three dentists and one public member. The commission authorized the chair to review and approve the justification before releasing to WSDA.

- 11.2 Inactive license option for Washington Dentists – After reviewing a letter from Dr. Thomas D. Edwards, the commission agreed to consider developing rules for dental inactive license status in late 2008.

12. CONSENT AGENDA - the listed items were provided to the Commission members by e-mail, no Commission action was taken.

- 12.1 The Olympian – September 17, 2007 article, Expanded free dental clinic opens.
12.2 The New York Times – October 11, 2007 article, Boom Times for Dentists, but Not for Teeth.
12.3 The Seattle Times – November 1, 2007 article, Harborview scales back outpatient dental clinic.

13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION 9:35p.m. – 10:05 p.m.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The term “executive session” is commonly understood to mean that part of a regular or special meeting of the governing body that is closed to the public. A governing body may hold an executive session only for specified purposes, which are identified in RCW 42.30.220(1) (a-k), and only during a regular or special meeting.

- 14.1 Open Public Meeting Act – Sandra Adix
14.2 Unsolicited Correspondence – Sandra Adix

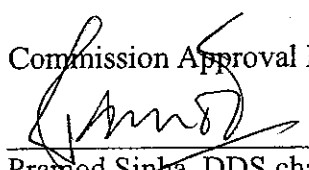
BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Allen Spaulding, Program Manager

Commission Approval By:


Pramod Sinha, DDS chair

